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2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #87

Summer Announcement #76, Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As a result of considerable conservation efforts, the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run has now exceeded the upper end of the escapement objective of 42,500 to 55,000. Through July 28, approximately 61,200 Chinook salmon have been counted at the Eagle sonar project. The current projection for Canadian-origin Chinook salmon at the border based on Eagle sonar counts and historical migration timing is approximately 65,000 to 70,000. With a border passage estimate of this size, spawning escapement and harvest sharing objectives are highly likely to be met. Therefore, gear restrictions are being relaxed in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.

Beginning Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C will remain on their current schedule, however, fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule (from the tip of Cone Point upstream to the westernmost edge of Illinois Creek):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C is open five days per week, from 6:00 p.m. Sundays to 6:00 p.m. Fridays with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishermen in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use. Subsistence salmon fishing remains open from 6:00 p.m. Sundays to 6:00 p.m. Fridays.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Anchorage at 267-2217 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 455-1849.

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